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1. SUMMARY. ALGERIAN MEDIA HAVE CHARACTERIZED RESULTS OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE AS VICTORY OF VAST MAJORITY OF NON-ALIGNED STATES AGAINST HANDFUL OF STATES IN SERVICE OF IMPERIALISM. MEDIA CITE POSITIONS OF CONFERENCE ON QUESTION OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION, ON HAVANA CONFERENCE, AND ON WESTERN SAHARA AS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THIS VICTORY. END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH "EL MOUDJAHID" WRITES IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL AUGUST 1: "CONFERENCE WAS CROWNED WITH SUCCESS. IT WAS OCCASION FOR SOLEMN CONFIRMATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE INSPIRED NON-ALIGNMENT SINCE ITS CREATION, NOTABLY PRINCIPLE OF PROTECTION AND REINFORCEMENT OF NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF MEMBER STATES. CONFERENCE UNEQUIVOCALLY
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CONDEMNED FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS SEEKING TO CALL THIS NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE INTO QUESTION, AND FOR THIS REASON ALONE... BELGRADE WAS A SUCCESS. BUT OTHER VERY POSITIVE RESULTS ALSO EMERGED FROM CONFERENCE. ONE OF MOST REMARKABLE AND MOST REMARKED WAS INCLUSION OF WESTERN SAHARA QUESTION ON AGENDA AS SEPARATE ITEM FOR FIRST TIME.... QUESTION OF FOREIGN INTERVENTIONS WAS CLEARLY

ANALYZED BY CONFERENCE, AND THIS IS ANOTHER NOTABLE POINT OF DELIBERATIONS. CONTRARY TO CERTAIN PARTISAN 'THESES', IT WAS AFFIRMED THAT ATTEMPTED RETURN OF COLONIALISM AND INTERVENTIONS OF IMPERIALISM ARE THEMSELVES ALONE TO BLAME FOR INTRODUCTION OF CLIMATE OF COLD WAR AND TRANSFER OF BLOC ANTAGONISMS TO OUR SOIL. ANOTHER ADDITIONAL CAUSE FOR SATISFACTION WAS LACK OF SUCCESS OF CERTAIN ATTACKS AGAINST HOLDING SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN CUBA."

3. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC "ASH-SHA'B" WRITES IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JULY 31: "ATTEMPT TO BRING COLD WAR ATMOSPHERE INTO CONFERENCE AND DIVERT ITS ATTENTION FROM ESSENTIAL AND URGENT ISSUES FAILED.... ONE OF MERITS OF THIS CONFERENCE WAS THAT IT REMOVED MASKS FROM MANY REGIMES THAT RAISE BANNER OF NON-ALIGNMENT WHILE WORKING IN REALITY TO DESTROY AND DEFORM ITS PRINCIPLES AND AIMS. THIS IS MAJOR POSITIVE RESULT, NOT SIGN OF WEAKNESS AND DIVISION WITHIN MOVEMENT, AS WESTERN MEDIA ARE TRYING TO PORTRAY IT. OF GROUP OF 85 STATES, ONLY SMALL HANDFUL TRIED TO PUT STICK THROUGH SPOKES OF NON-ALIGNMENT. CONFERENCE'S CONFIRMATION THAT SIXTH SUMMIT WOULD BE HELD IN HAVANA CAME AS POLITICAL DEFEAT FOR THESE STATES...."

4. "ASH-SHA'B" WRITES IN EARLIER FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL JULY 30: "IT IS NOT STRANGE THAT REGIMES LIKE MOROCCO UNCLASSIFIED

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AND EGYPT SHOULD LEAD CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT HOLDING OF SUMMIT IN HAVANA, FOR THESE ARE STATES IMPLICATED IN PLOTS OF NEO-COLONIALISM, ZIONISM, AND IMPERIALISM IN AFRICAN CONTINENT AND ARAB WORLD. ACCUSATION THESE REGIMES LEVEL AT CUBA IS IN REALITY AN HONOR, BECAUSE WHAT THESE REGIMES HOLD AGAINST CUBA IS ITS RESPONSE TO CALL OF ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND ITS DESPATCH OF FORCES TO FOIL THE RACIST, REACTIONARY, IMPERIALIST PLOT.... WHAT THESE HIRELING REGIMES HOLD AGAINST CUBAN REVOLUTION IS ITS SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF SAHARAN PEOPLE TO FORCE RESPECT FOR THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND ITS SUPPORT FOR STRUGGLE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AGAINST (SADAT'S) CAPITULATORY INITIATIVE. IN FACT, TIES OF THESE REGIMES WITH IMPERIALISM STRIP THEM OF ANY RIGHT TO CALL THEMSELVES DEFENDERS OF POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT...."

5. FLN PARTY WEEKLY ORGAN IN FRENCH, "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" COMMENTS IN ITS AUGUST 2-8 ISSUE: "AS EXPECTED, PREOCCUPATION OF CERTAIN SO-CALLED NON-ALIGNED STATES WAS TO SOW DISCORD..... BELGRADE CONFERENCE PERMITTED IDENTIFICATION OF TWO PRINCIPAL TENDENCIES WITHIN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ONE MODERATE OR REACTIONARY, THE OTHER

AUTHENTICALLY REVOLUTIONARY OR AT LEAST PROGRESSIVE....
CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS ARE WORKING TIRELESSLY TO BRING
DISGRACE UPON MOVEMENT IN ORDER TO DELIVER IT TO THEIR
MENTORS, THE GENDARMES OF THE GENDARMES OF THE WORLD, WHOSE ANTI-
COMMUNIST, ANTI-SOCIALIST, AND ANTI-PROGRESSIVE AGGRESSIVENESS
BECOMES CLEARER DAY AFTER DAY. LESSON TO BE DRAWN FROM
BELGRADE MEETING RELATES TO TWO BASIC FACTS. FIRST,
DISTRACTING SCENARIO COOKED UP BY EGYPTIANS, MOROCCANS,
SENEGALESE, GABONESE, SOMALIS, AND ARAB FEUDALISTS HAD
NO AIM BUT TO DISMEMBER MOVEMENT AND COMPROMISE ITS
EVOLUTION.... FURTHER, VIOLENCE OF ATTACKS AGAINST CUBA
AND BLOCK SHOWN RE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF DECOLONIZATION,
NOTABLY OF WESTERN SAHARA, SHOWS CLEARLY THAT WESTERN
IMPERIALISM HAS UPPER HAND AND THAT ITS AFRICAN AND ARAB
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SATELLITES HAVE APPARENTLY ASSIMILATED THEIR ROLE AS
COGS.... NONETHELESS, IT IS PLEASING TO NOTE EMERGENCE
OF CONSENSUS, IF NOT TO LIQUIDATE, AT LEAST TO STOP NEW
IMPERIALIST OFFENSIVE AGAINST THIRD WORLD IN GENERAL AND
NON-ALIGNED COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR. THIS IS NOT A
NEGLECTIBLE ACHIEVEMENT."ROSS

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